



School Matters

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"Working together to raise achievement"

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

Although we have only been back at school for 4 weeks, we seem to have packed a lot in already! This newsletter contains news of our highly successful OfSTED inspection which will be published on 2nd October, information about the exciting Shape Up Project and opportunities to join after school clubs and Family Learning activities. There are the usual diary dates and some information about school trips, visits and visitors. Finally, there is a guide to finding information online or contacting the school with any issues. Thanks for your support!

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Paisley is a good school and that's official!

Of course we all knew this already but it is great to have it confirmed by OfSTED!

By the time you read this, you should have a copy of the full report, which judges the school good overall and also in each of the key areas of overall effectiveness, achievement and standards, personal development and well-being, quality of provision and leadership and management.

Key parts of the success were the good teaching and learning seen, the interesting curriculum, the caring ethos and the support given to meet the needs of all learners. The commitment to encouraging healthy lifestyles, positive attitudes, community links and good behaviour was also praised. The school was also judged to have good plans in place to continue improving.

Before OfSTED arrived we had to judge ourselves. The three areas for improvement were judged as satisfactory in any case but we are working to make them good – improving writing, making better use of our good ICT facilities and using our assessment data better to analyse the progress of different groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, and all the parents who sent in such supportive comments, for their part in this successful inspection.

Shape Up Europe

Paisley is one of only two primary schools in England to be invited to take part in this exciting new project!

Schools from each of the 21 countries in Europe will be working together with each other and their communities to find ways of encouraging healthier lifestyles.

The project launches on Tuesday 10th October and continues for two years. During that time we hope that the children, their families and the whole community will have seen some real benefits.

Trips and Visits

The first visit of 2006/07, the annual Y6 residential week at Robin Hood's Bay, was as great a success as ever. For many of the children this was their first time away from families and in such a different environment. The children were great ambassadors for Paisley and learned a great deal about the coastal, village and countryside environment.

As you know, we plan a lot of educational visits and visitors throughout the year and this was highly praised by OfSTED. They agree with us that these provide high quality learning experiences and they are very much enjoyed by children. They have to be very carefully planned to make sure the children are safe and the cost is always carefully controlled to keep them affordable.

Please help us to continue these enjoyable, valuable activities by returning permission slips and contributions promptly – and by continuing your superb support for our fundraising activities.